APOCALYPTIC HORSEPLAY

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WORK? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WHAT WORK?

SAME ONE WE'VE BEEN DOING SINCE THE WORLD WARS.

RECORDING NOTABLE EVENTS.

YOU STILL WANT TO WRITE NEWSPAPERS?

AFTER ALL THAT'S HAPPENED?

NOTHING HAS CHANGED. THE WORLD STILL NEEDS HOPE.

AND NOW THAT WE'RE ALL SAFE, I THINK WE SHOULD RESUME OUR EFFORTS TO INSPIRE THE MASSES.

I'M SORRY MOT, BUT I DON'T REALLY WANT TO DO THAT ANYMORE.

EVERY TIME I CONNECT WITH WHAT'S OUT THERE... IT REMINDS ME OF ALL THE THINGS WE'VE DONE.

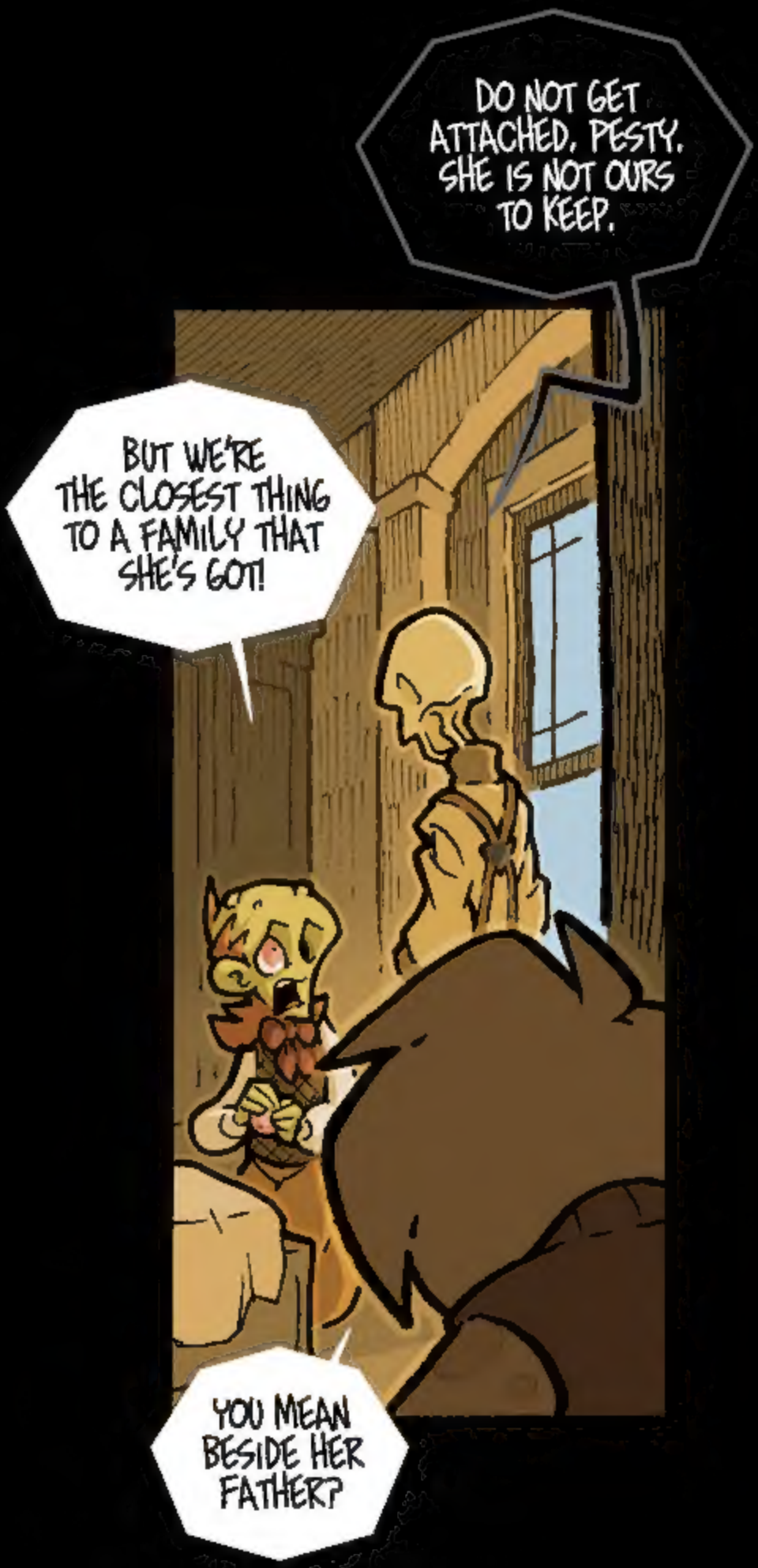
PLOP

I'M NOT SURE I CAN TAKE THAT ANYMORE.

BESIDES, YOU SAID IT YOURSELF. LILY'S THE ONE WE NEED TO INSPIRE.

I THINK THERE'S A LOT OF GOOD IN HER. DESPITE WHAT SHE IS.

I JUST WANNA KEEP CARING FOR HER RIGHT NOW.


DO NOT GET ATTACHED, PESTY. SHE IS NOT OURS TO KEEP.
BUT WE'RE THE CLOSEST THING TO A FAMILY THAT SHE'S GOT!
YOU MEAN BESIDE HER FATHER?

WHAT FATHER?

OH DON'T PLAY DUMB WITH ME HORSEMAN. IT'S UNBECOMING OF YOU.

DON'T YOU THINK I KNOW WHAT YOU'VE ALL BROUGHT TO MY HOUSE?

HOW?

WHO ELSE WOULD HAVE FORERUNNERS OF THE APOCALYPSE AS AN ESCORT?

NOT TO MENTION I CAN FEEL THE ARCANE ENERGIES EMANATING FROM HER.

MY MAGIC HAS GOTTEN STRONGER SINCE SHE'S ARRIVED.

HAVE HER POWERS STARTED MANIFESTING THEMSELVES?

WE ARE NOT SURE.

SHE SAID SHE COULD TALK PEOPLE INTO DOING THINGS.

MESMERISM?

THAT'S A DANGEROUS ONE.

SHE'S NOT DANGEROUS. SHE'S JUST A CHILD!

AND CURRENTLY UNDER OUR PROTECTION.

OH YEAH? AND WHO'S GONNA PROTECT YOU?

FACE IT. YOU CAN'T ESCAPE THE FIRE BY FANNING IT AWAY.

SOONER OR LATER, THAT GIRL WILL SUCCUMB TO HER NATURE.

THE CHOICE IS STILL HERS TO MAKE.

WITH THE PROPER GUIDANCE, HER HUMANITY MAY YET PREVAIL.

-SIGH- YOU BETTER HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT.

UNTIL THEN, I SUGGEST YOU KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON HER.

WHERE IS SHE ANYWAY?

WHAT DO YOU THINK I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR THIS WHOLE TIME?

I'M TELLING YOU, SHE IS REALLY GOOD AT HIDING!

THEY'RE ALL SO SAD.

ANGELA. UNCLE PESTY. UNCLE MOT...

THEY'RE LIKE THE CREATURES FROM THE LAND OF OZ.

ALL LACKING SOMETHING.

DO YOU THINK IT'S BECAUSE THEY GAVE UP THEIR DESTINY?

I THINK SO.

IT'S LIKE THEY'VE ALL LOST FAITH IN THEMSELVES.

MAYBE I CAN HELP. I COULD DO WHAT THE WIZARD DID.

PLUS ...

...I'M VERY GOOD AT CHANGING PEOPLE'S MINDS.

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